

22. (New) The article or apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the article or apparatus is a stationary bed column.

23. (New) The process according to claim 13, wherein said organic compound is at least one oil selected from the group consisting of light oil, heavy oil and combinations thereof.--

#### BASIS FOR THE AMENDMENTS

New Claims 21-23 have been added and are drawn to narrower and more preferred embodiments of the invention. Support is found in the claims as originally filed; page 3, lines 27-28; page 5, line 18 to page 6, line 26; and page 10, lines 8-27 of the specification.

No new matter is believed to be added to the application by entry of the amendments. Upon entry of the amendments, Claims 1-23 will be active. Entry and favorable consideration are respectfully requested.

#### REMARKS

Applicants elect Group I, Claims 1-11, with traverse. In addition, Applicants elect the following species for search purposes: (1) filler material: silicate or silicic acid and/or carbon black; (2) article or apparatus: stationary bed; and (3) organic compound: oil (light oil and heavy oil). The election of species is made with traverse. Claims 1-23 read on the elected species.

The restriction requirement is respectfully traversed. The requirements for restriction are two-fold: (a) the inventions must be independent or distinct as claimed; and (b) there must be a serious burden on the Examiner if restriction is [not] required. MPEP §803. In the present case, the Office has not established that a search of only three subclasses would